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Dear Mr. Reber:

This is in reply to your letter of 4 September concerning our assessment of the [ ] studies. I have already summarized our assessment over the telephone to Dr. Hawley.

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Reference your question (a): Our staff has found these studies to be of primary relevance to our research on Soviet Ground Forces. They have provided material on the context in which military forces of the U. S. S. R. exist, and have indicated Soviet military behavior characteristic of the society at large.

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Reference your question (c): I believe I can say with some degree of assurance that I would have recommended expenditure of our funds to assist in the production of this study.

Reference your question (d): Studies of this kind should most certainly be encouraged and given increased support. In many cases an academic institution is the only place where a group of competent experts in a specialized area of knowledge is available. It is more economic in the long run and more effective in the producing of a high

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quality of research to subcontract such research to an already established and working group, rather than competing for the hiring of such experts on the various government agency staffs. It seems to me that the primary criterion to be applied is - where can the research be done best? Since we are a contract research office we do not have quite the problem of a government research unit. We have a total appropriation which we may use as we see fit, either in research conducted by our own staff or through subcontract.

Yours very sincerely,

Signed  
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